Advisory Committee Member's Description of Service

Landfill Advisory Committee Department of Environmental Services City & County of Honolulu

October 4, 2021

The members of this Landfill Advisory Committee (LAC) are asked to evaluate and score sites that the City and County of Honolulu (City) is considering for its next municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris landfill. The City asks the LAC to evaluate and score potential landfill sites with the understanding that its role is advisory and that the final determination on the landfill site selection will rest with the City. Once this determination is made, the LAC will be discontinued and the City will begin the siting process, which will involve environmental assessments and soliciting additional public input, among several other items.

The LAC will be working with The Limtiaco Consulting Group, LLC. (TLCG) and HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), which have been selected by the City to assist with this process. LAC members will be asked to attend scheduled meetings, review information, ask questions, and work through processes that will assist with evaluating and scoring a list of potential landfill sites. In order to maintain neutrality of this process, City staff will not participate in site evaluation or scoring, and will be present at LAC meetings only to assist TLCG or HDR with answering questions from LAC members or the public.

The LAC will be evaluating and scoring a list of sites that have been determined to be technically feasible for landfill development. These sites comply with a number of state and local restrictions, including Act 73, which in 2020 amended landfill siting requirements in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The initial list of potential sites included those identified in past landfill siting studies along with new identified sites. LAC members are asked to participate with an open mind and raise questions and concerns with the intent of working through these issues in a productive and respectful manner. As LAC members representing the residents of Oahu, your participation is critical to helping make the landfill site selection process transparent and instilling confidence in the results.

The LAC will be asked to anonymously weigh criteria and score sites using set criteria. LAC members are also encouraged to discuss information shared at the meetings with others not in attendance if it would be beneficial to the scoring process.

There will be approximately six (6) meetings and a waste processing facility tour where relevant information will be provided to the LAC. These meetings are expected to span a period of approximately eight (8) months with meetings anticipated to occur around once per month. All meetings are planned to take place during the day in a virtual meeting setting unless otherwise required or agreed amongst the committee.

The City is grateful for your participation in this important task.